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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ANNOUNCES RECRUITING AND RETENTION
NUMBERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021**

The Department of Defense (DoD) today announced recruiting and retention statistics for the Active and Reserve Components through the second month of fiscal year (FY) 2021 [November 30, 2020].

- **Pandemic's Impact.**
 - The Services' continuing efforts throughout the accession enterprise helped to mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the enlisted recruiting enterprise. Appropriate adjustments have been made and foremost is the safety and well-being of Service members, their families, and potential recruits. Collectively, these efforts ensure the force is safely manned while meeting the mission needs of the National Defense Strategy.
- **Active Component.**
 - **Recruiting.** The data below represents the Services' cumulative monthly goals and accessions/gains through the second month of fiscal year 2021, November 2020.
 - Army Accessions: Goal 9,585; Attained 10,277, (107.22 percent/+692).
 - Navy Accessions: Goal 5,175; Attained 5,173 (99.96 percent/-2).
 - Marine Corps Accessions: Goal 4,861; Attained 4,862; (100.02 percent/+1).
 - Air Force Accessions: Goal 3,838; Attained 3,845 (100.18 percent/+7).
 - **Quality.** All Active Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
 - **Retention.** All Services exhibited strong retention during the second month of the fiscal year and are on glide path to achieve FY 2021 retention targets.
- **Reserve Component.**
 - **Recruiting.** The Service data below represents the Reserve Components' cumulative monthly goals and monthly accessions/gains through the second month of fiscal year 2021, November 2020.
 - Army NG Gains: Goal 7,865; Attained 6,504 (82.70 percent/-1,361).
 - Army Reserve Gains: Goal 2,544; Attained 2,121 (83.37 percent/-423).
 - Navy Reserve Gains: Goal 730; Attained 706 (96.71 percent/-24).
 - Marine Corps Reserve Gains: Goal 1,623; Attained 1,881 (115.90 percent/+258).
 - Air NG Gains: Goal 1,544; Attained 856 (55.44 percent/-688).
 - Air Force Reserve Gains: Goal 1,264; Attained 1,264(100 percent/0).
 - **Quality.** All Reserve Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
 - **Attrition.** Five of the six reserve components were at or below their FY21 year-to-date attrition targets.

Detailed information on specific recruiting data can be obtained by contacting the individual military recruiting commands at 502-626-0164 for Army, 210-565-4678 for Air Force, 703-784-9454 for Marine Corps, and 901-874-9048 for Navy. The Reserve Components can be reached at the following

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numbers: National Guard Bureau 703-607-2586, Army Reserve 910-570-8330, Air Force Reserve 703-697-1761, Navy Reserve 757-322-5652, and Marine Corps Reserve 504-678-6535.